

Beneficiary Final Report

Progress and Awardee Experience

1. Provide a short summary of the work that has been completed for your Community Food and Farm Grant (CFFG) project.
2. Has your business or organization received a grant before?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. In your view, did you successfully complete your CFFG project? Did you achieve the desired outcomes?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Somewhat
4. Did you encounter any barriers that made it challenging to implement your CFFG project? Select all that apply.
 - a. Additional funding needed
 - b. Additional support or technical assistance needed
 - c. Unforeseen personal challenges
 - d. Limited staffing
 - e. Grant timeline too short
 - f. Supply chain issues
 - g. Trouble securing labor
 - h. Other
5. What technical assistance did you access during the grant period? What technical assistance do you wish you had access to during the grant period?

Examples of technical assistance include: talking to a peer mentor, receiving support from Johnson County staff, receiving guidance from a coaching program or community organization.

Funding Impact

6. Please share 2-3 quantifiable measurements that demonstrate the impact of the CFFG. Choose measurements that are relevant to your project. If you are reporting an increase,

please provide a number measuring the quantity before the CFFG and the quantity after project completion. Provide as accurate of data as you can. Reach out to staff if you need ideas or guidance.

Examples could include:

- Increase in quantity of products/crops/animals produced or processed
- Increase in number of acres or sq. feet used for food production or storage
- Increase in markets, events, or distribution channels sold through
- Number and description of new, diverse, or cultural products that you introduced to the market
- Increase in the number of weeks you could sell your products
- Increase in the number of low-income or food insecure households that your farm or food business served
- Increase in # of total customers reached
- Number of new customers reached

7. Please share a story from one of your customers that demonstrates how your project has improved food access or benefited your customers and the broader community.
8. Has the CFFG helped you hire any additional part-time or full-time employees? If yes, please describe how many and whether they were full or part-time.
9. How has the CFFG impacted the quality of work at your food or farm business?
10. How well do you agree with the following statement, "The CFFG improved the quality of work at my food or farm business."
 - a. Strongly agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. No opinion
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly disagree
11. Has the CFFG helped increase revenue or product sales for your business?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I don't know
 - d. Not yet, but I anticipate it will lead to an increase in sales in 2024.
12. If you answered yes, please give an estimate. _____
13. How well do you agree with the following statement, "The CFFG increased the viability of my food or farm business".

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. No opinion
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

14. If you are a prepared food business, please describe connections you made with local farmers and list which local food products you sourced during the grant timeline. Please include whether any of these purchasing relationships were new and whether they will continue.

15. How have you built or strengthened partnerships with other small businesses in the community during the grant timeline?

- a. Purchased products or services from other small businesses for my business
- b. Collaborated to market products with other small businesses
- c. Shared infrastructure or equipment
- d. Shared land access
- e. Built social relationships with other small business owners
- f. Received mentorship from other small businesses
- g. Was a mentor for other small businesses
- h. Advocated for shared policy or community betterment goals
- i. None of the above - our business did not partner with other small businesses
- j. Other

16. How will your CFFG project continue to benefit residents of Johnson County?

17. Did the CFFG help you secure new or other funding? If yes, please describe the funding source and how much you received.

18. (Optional) Please share any overall or other impacts the CFFG project and funding has had on your business.

19. Please provide any feedback you have for staff about the grant process. What changes should be made to the CFFG to keep it accessible, relevant, and effective?

Subrecipient Final Report

Progress and Awardee Experience

20. Provide a short summary of the work that has been completed for your Community Food and Farm Grant (CFFG) project.

21. Has your organization received a grant before?

- a. Yes
- b. No

22. In your view, did you successfully complete your CFFG project? Did you achieve the desired outcomes?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Somewhat

23. Did you encounter any barriers that made it challenging to implement your CFFG project? Select all that apply.

- a. Additional funding needed
- b. Additional support or technical assistance needed
- c. Unforeseen personal challenges
- d. Limited staffing
- e. Grant timeline too short
- f. Supply chain issues
- g. Trouble securing labor
- h. Other _____

24. What technical assistance did you access during the grant period? What technical assistance do you wish you had access to during the grant period?

Examples of technical assistance include: talking to a peer mentor, receiving support from Johnson County staff, receiving guidance from a coaching program or community organization.

Funding Impact

25. How many small businesses and/or households i.e. beneficiaries did your CFFG project support? _____

26. What project activities did your organization complete to support food and farm businesses? Select all that apply.

- a. Provided access to supplies and equipment
- b. Facilitated mentorship opportunities
- c. Facilitated training opportunities for skill development
- d. Facilitated market opportunities to help businesses start or expand sales
- e. Other _____

27. How did project activities impact food and farm businesses operating in Johnson County? Select all that apply.

- a. Businesses had increased access to supplies and equipment
- b. Businesses received support from a peer or business mentor
- c. Businesses acquired necessary licenses or certifications
- d. Business owners learned new skills
- e. Businesses sold through new markets
- f. Prepared food businesses bought local produce for their business
- g. Businesses increased sales
- h. Businesses increased production
- i. Other _____

28. Please share 2-3 quantifiable measurements that demonstrate the impact of your CFFG project on food and farm businesses. Choose measurements that are relevant to your CFFG project. If you are reporting an increase, please provide a number measuring quantity before the CFFG and the quantity now after project completion. Provide as accurate of data as you can. Reach out to staff if you need ideas.

Examples could include:

- Increase in quantity of products/crops/animals produced or processed
- # of businesses who participated in new market/sales opportunities
- # and description of new, diverse, or cultural products introduced to the market
- # of businesses that acquired a food handling certification
- # of businesses who acquired a Johnson County food license
- # of business owners connected to a peer or business mentor
- # of businesses that bought locally produced food for their business
- # of businesses that acquired new supplies or equipment to support their food and farm business

29. Please share one success story about a business that benefited from your CFFG project.

30. How has your CFFG project improved food access or access to culturally relevant food in the community?
31. Has your CFFG project helped increase revenue or product sales for food and farm businesses?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I don't know
 - d. Not yet, but I anticipate it will lead to increased sales in 2024.
32. How well do you agree with the following statement, "My CFFG project helped increase the viability of food and farm businesses".
- a. Strongly agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. No opinion
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly disagree
33. If your project supported prepared food businesses, please describe efforts you made to connect businesses with local food producers and any successes.
34. How will your CFFG project continue to benefit small food and farm businesses in the Johnson County community moving forward?
35. Did the Community Food and Farm Grant help your organization secure new or other funding? If yes, please describe the funding source and how much you received.
36. (Optional) Please share any overall or other impacts from the CFFG project and funding.
37. Please provide any feedback you have for staff about the grant process. What changes should be made to the CFFG program to keep it accessible, relevant, and effective?